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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1752
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80484

Tsukasa YAMANAKA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/801,723

Group Art Unit: 1752

Confirmation No.: 1889

Examiner: Amanda C. Walke

Filed: March 17, 2004

For: POSITIVE RESIST COMPOSITION AND METHOD OF PATTERN FORMATION USING THE
SAME

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2006, please consider the remarks as follows.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Response to Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being unpatentable over Sato (US '956).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and submit that US '956 does not disclose all elements of the present claims. Specifically, as pointed out in the Amendment previously

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